615. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table copy of letter dated 7th May 1932, from the Director of Public Instruction and of D. P. dated 27th May 1932, D. 3 C. 943/1106, Development Department, referred to in paragraph 129 of the Report on Educational Survey?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Copies are appended. (*Appendix XIV*).

Mr. Joseph Pettah —In the letter under reference speaking of the failure of the Madras Education Council the Director says that they seem to have forgotten or lost sight of one essential fact, the clear idea as to what a local educational body is competent to deal with and what it is not. Will the Government give the House an idea of what they can and what they cannot?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The principle is not special with regard to this local body. Anything of a technical nature will have to be reserved and the rest can always be handed over to local body.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—My question is with reference to the educational body. Will the Government kindly give a detailed information ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The principle is quite clear. Nothing which is of a technical nature can be handed over to them, say for instance, prescription of syllabus.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is that work undertaken by the District Educational Councils?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That is not undertaken. Then, grant-in-aid.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government give us one instance of the work of the latter category which local institutions are not competent to deal with?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Grant-in-aid, for instance, is made by the District Educational Council. They aid schools and classes and money is allotted and they distributte it also. A list is sent to the Government.

Mr. Joseph Pettah —Is the amount of grant determined by them ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is that a matter of technical character?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is a great deal of technical character about it. They must know what is the difference between efficient and inefficient school and distinguish one which is worthy from one which is unworthy of aid.

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